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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application
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1. Submission required under 37 CFR §1.114

a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on _____
 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☒ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR §1.17(l) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR §1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-2201

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(e)

ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR §§1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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